

BIG IDEA: We worship the God who saves!**PRAY****1) INTRO**

- Capitals – 44 yrs, Ovechkin – 13 yrs, June 7 – 5 games
 - We sing to express great joy
 - Kahuku High School in Kahuku, HI (1994)
- BIG IDEA

2) INTRO

- Believed to be written by David
 - 1 Chron 16 – Philistines & Ark of Cov...priests & musicians
- It's a Psalm that calls us to sing/praise/worship God b/c he's King
- Going to look at this Psalm in 4 sections
 - 2 calls to praise & 2 reasons

3) vv1-3 – SING TO THE LORD

- LORD – YHWH all throughout this Psalm again
 - Self-sufficiency, perfect/unchanging, self-existent
- Sing – everyone..not just “good” singers (good pitch, etc)
 - Singing is a huge part of worshiping God...it's every Sunday
 - Mom & Dad singing the National Anthem at CDN citizenship
- A new song
 - DA Carson – praising God should include new songs
 - God is continuously working
- Bless his name – praise/adore/worship
- Tell – bring/herald good news/announce
- Salvation – his help, his saving work
 - We need reminders of his saving work
 - Our telling of God's salvation is also evangelistic
 - Genuine praise/worship includes testimony to others
 - Share the Gospel of Jesus day after day
- Declare – recount over again, make known
- Glory – his reputation/importance/splendor/honor

- We sing of who YHWH is and what he's done
- Nations – non-Jews/Gentiles/other nations/heathens...us
 - We have so many nations here on any given Sunday
 - God is saving God of all people groups & ethnicities
 - B/c God's salvation has been proclaimed, we're here
- He's done marvelous works among all peoples
 - Greatest is that he saves and redeems
 - Through the work of JC

4) vv4-6 – B/C GOD IS GREAT

- The 1st reason to praise God – b/c he's great!
 - He's a great God, a mighty God, a wonderful God!
- And we're to worship/praise/adore/magnify our great God
 - He's to be feared – revered, seen as awesome – way more than all other gods/deities/objects of worship
 - Israel was surrounded by people/nations who worshiped other gods
 - Scripture mocks other gods/idols
 - Elijah
- We have many idols/gods today in our world – money, sex, fame, comfort, work, success, materialism
 - They're worthless – elohim & elilim
 - But, God made the heavens – spoke them into existence
 - Brian Regan – “Me Monster”
 - But, God...made the heavens
 - Planets, stars, solar systems, galaxies, universe
 - Idols/gods are worthless...God is great
 - Creator God who's sovereign over his creation
- And, he's the ruling King
 - Splendor and majesty – when used together, signifies royalty
 - He's the mighty and excellent God we worship when we gather together

5) vv7-9 – ASCRIBE TO/GIVE GOD THE GLORY HE IS DUE

- We're called to give to God the glory he is due

- All “families” are called to this – YHWH’s plan from the beginning was to bring all the families of the nations to worship him – “Jesus Loves the Little Children”
- We’re called to honor/worship/praise him as he deserves
 - He’s the King over all who’s deserving of all glory
 - “Ascribe” – to give...also to acknowledge
 - Call to acknowledge the attributes of God shown in v6
 - He’s our radiant, majestic King!
 - Who rules over our lives...just as he rules
- We worship him by bringing him the offering/tribute he deserves
 - B/c he deserves our respect, praise, admiration
 - He doesn’t deserve our scraps
- He deserves to be worshiped as the holy God that he is
- Do we tremble before him? The supreme King and Ruler of all?
 - Often we don’t worship God, we worship our idea of who God is
 - We let our idea of God form who he is...or we let the world’s voices form of our idea of who God is
 - The totality of the Bible should shape our idea of who God is
 - He’s holy, perfect, just, mighty, sovereign, loving
 - And, we are absolutely dependent on him and his mercy and grace
 - Which we don’t deserve

6) vv10-13 – B/C THE LORD IS COMING TO JUDGE THE EARTH

- YHWH’s kingship among the nations is proclaimed here...and we’re to proclaim it too!
- God is Creator AND Sustainer
 - He established everything – arranged everything perfectly
 - Not chaos, but settled & managed by God
 - And “it shall never be moved” – he holds everything by his hands
 - This gives great assurance/certainty/stability that God maintains the world
 - God upholds everything even as our culture drifts
- God will judge with equity
 - God comes to execute judgment

- Spurgeon – “grand missionary hymn” / OT Great Commission
- But, he has a standard...he doesn’t just rule on a whim
 - “Equity” – “fairly, level path”
 - Billy Graham
 - Favoring a child makes confusing boundaries/lines in parenting
- Just as there’s stability in creation, there’s stability in justice
 - According to God’s justice and righteousness
 - According the standard in the Bible of perfection
 - Perfect obedience to the Law
 - We can’t...but, Jesus!
- B/c of the absolute majesty of YHWH, the Psalmist shows the inanimate parts of creation as praising the Lord
 - vv11-12 are hyperbolic – they’re exaggerated language to show the absolute joy and blessedness of being saved by YHWH
 - Dumb fishes of the deep to shout for joy
 - We rejoice in his saving work in the past, but also the future
 - And, he will come in his righteousness to remove all wickedness & sin & evil
 - Doesn’t that make us rejoice!?
 - A day without sin or evil sounds amazing

7) CONCL

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- When we gather together, we gather to worship the God who saves
 - Do we gather together with this heart?
 - Or, do we come to have our needs met?
 - Or, our desires/expectations to be met?
 - Essentially, do we gather for us? Or to worship God?
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